

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A golf club head comprising:

a hollow metal body having a heel end, a toe end, a forward end and a rear end, said hollow metal body including a face proximal the forward end adapted for impacting a golf ball, a crown, a skirt, and a sole plate, the sole plate being smoothly contoured and devoid of any mass concentrations;

a hosel adjacent the body heel end for receiving a shaft, said shaft having an axis;

said hollow metal body having a volume of greater than 400 cubic centimeters and a center of gravity located generally closer to the heel end than to the toe end and generally nearer the forward end than the rear end; and

the center of gravity being located within a region 2.1 ± 2.0 millimeters above a horizontal plane passing through the center of the face, 16.0 ± 4.0 millimeters toward the rear end from a vertical plane containing the shaft axis that is parallel to a horizontal line tangent to the center of the face, and 36.0 ± 6.0 millimeters toward the toe end from a plane containing the shaft axis that is normal to the vertical plane.

2. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:

the face has a surface area of least 29 square centimeters.

3. (Original) The golf club head of claim 2, wherein:

the face has a surface area from 29 to 36 square centimeters.

4. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
the center of gravity is from 1.0 to 3.0 millimeters above the horizontal plane passing through the center of the face.
5. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
the face has a thickness that tapers from a maximum thickness of 4.0 ± 1.5 millimeters proximal the center of the face to a minimum thickness of 2.5 ± 1.0 millimeters proximal the perimeter of the face.
6. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
said hollow metal body has a moment of inertia of at least 1250 Kg-cm^2 about a vertical axis through the center of gravity.
7. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
said hollow metal body has a moment of inertia of at least 800 Kg-cm^2 about a horizontal axis parallel to said horizontal line tangent to the center of the face through the center of gravity.
8. (Original) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
the sole plate has a thickness that ranges from 1.2 to 0.7 millimeters in thickness.
9. (New) The golf club head of claim 1, wherein:
the center of gravity is located within a region 2.1 ± 2.0 millimeters above a horizontal plane passing through the center of the face, 16.0 ± 4.0 millimeters toward the rear end

from a vertical plane containing the shaft axis that is parallel to a horizontal line tangent to the center of the face, and 36.0 ± 1.0 millimeters toward the toe end from a plane containing the shaft axis that is normal to the vertical plane.